

Claims

1. A nitride semiconductor LED, comprising:
 - a substrate;
 - a GaN-based buffer layer formed on the substrate;
 - $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ short period superlattice (SPS) layers formed on the GaN-based buffer layer in a sandwich structure of upper and lower layers having an undoped GaN layer or an indium-doped GaN layer interposed therebetween (where, $0 \leq y \leq 1$);
 - a first electrode layer of an n-GaN layer formed on the upper $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ SPS layer;
 - an active layer formed on the first electrode layer; and
 - a second electrode layer of a p-GaN layer formed on the active layer.
2. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 1, wherein the GaN-based buffer layer has a triple-structured $\text{Al}_y\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x-y}\text{N}/\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ laminated (Here, $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$), a double-structured $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ laminated (Here, $0 \leq x \leq 1$), or a super-lattice-structured (SLS) $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ laminated (Here, $0 \leq x \leq 1$).
3. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 1, further comprising the undoped GaN layer or the indium-doped GaN layer on the GaN-based buffer layer.
4. A nitride semiconductor LED, comprising:
 - a substrate;
 - a GaN-based buffer layer formed on the substrate;
 - an undoped GaN layer or an indium-doped GaN layer formed on the GaN-based buffer layer;
 - $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ short period superlattice (SPS) layers formed on the undoped GaN layer or the indium-doped GaN

layer, in a sandwich structure of upper and lower layers having the undoped GaN layer or the indium-doped GaN layer interposed therebetween (Here, $0 \leq y \leq 1$);

a first electrode layer of an n^+ -GaN layer formed on the upper $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ SPS layer and containing a high concentration of dopants;

an n-GaN layer formed on the first electrode layer and containing a low concentration of dopants;

an active layer formed on the n-GaN layer; and

a second electrode layer of a p-GaN layer formed on the active layer.

5. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 4, wherein the GaN-based buffer layer has a triple-structured $\text{Al}_y\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x-y}\text{N}/\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ laminated (Here, $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$), a double-structured $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ laminated (Here, $0 \leq x \leq 1$), or a super-lattice-structured (SLS) $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ laminated (Here, $0 \leq x \leq 1$).

6. A nitride semiconductor LED, comprising:

a substrate;

a GaN-based buffer layer formed on the substrate;

a first electrode layer of an n^+ -GaN layer formed on the GaN-based buffer layer and containing a high concentration of dopants;

an n-GaN layer formed on the first electrode layer and containing a low concentration of dopants;

an active layer formed on the n-GaN layer; and

a second electrode layer of a p-GaN layer formed on the active layer.

7. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 6, wherein the dopant concentration of the n^+ -GaN layer is more than $1 \times 10^{18}/\text{cm}^3$.

8. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 6, wherein the dopant concentration of the n-GaN layer is less than $1 \times 10^{18}/\text{cm}^3$.

9. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 6, wherein the dopant concentration of the n-GaN layer is $1 \times 10^{17}/\text{cm}^3$.

10. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 6, wherein the GaN-based buffer layer has a triple-structured $\text{Al}_y\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x-y}\text{N}/\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ laminated (Here, $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $0 \leq y \leq 1$), a double-structured $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ laminated (Here, $0 \leq x \leq 1$), or a super-lattice-structured (SLS) $\text{In}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ laminated (Here, $0 \leq x \leq 1$).

11. The nitride semiconductor LED of claim 6, further comprising $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ short period superlattice (SPS) layers formed on the GaN-based buffer layer in a sandwich structure of upper and lower parts having an undoped GaN layer or an indium-doped GaN layer interposed therebetween (Here, $0 \leq y \leq 1$).

12. A fabrication method of a nitride semiconductor LED, the method comprising the steps of:

growing-up a GaN-based buffer layer on a substrate;
forming $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ short period superlattice (SPS) layers on the GaN-based buffer layer in a sandwich structure of upper and lower parts having an undoped GaN layer or an indium-doped GaN layer interposed therebetween (Here, $0 \leq y \leq 1$);

forming a first electrode layer of an n^+ -GaN layer containing a high concentration of dopants, on the upper $\text{Al}_y\text{Ga}_{1-y}\text{N}/\text{GaN}$ SPS layer;

forming an active layer on the first electrode layer; and

forming a second electrode layer of an p-GaN layer on the active layer.

13. The fabrication method of claim 12, further comprising the step of forming an n-GaN layer containing a low concentration of dopants, between the first electrode layer of the n⁺-GaN layer and the active layer.

14. The fabrication method of claim 12, wherein the GaN-based buffer layer is, using a MOCVD equipment, grown-up to have a 50-800Å thickness at a 500-800°C temperature and in an atmosphere having H₂ and N₂ carrier gases supplied while having TMGa, TMin, TMAI source gas introduced and simultaneously having NH₃ gas introduced.

15. The fabrication method of claim 12, wherein the GaN-based buffer layer is grown-up with a 5-300μmol/min flow rate of the TMGa, TMin, TMAI source gas and a 100-700torr growth pressure.

16. The fabrication method of claim 12, wherein the GaN-based buffer layer has a triple-structured Al_yIn_xGa_{1-x-y}N/In_xGa_{1-x}N/GaN laminated (Here, 0≤x≤1, 0≤y≤1), a double-structured In_xGa_{1-x}N/GaN laminated (Here, 0≤x≤1), or a super-lattice-structured (SLS) In_xGa_{1-x}N/GaN laminated (Here, 0≤x≤1).

17. The fabrication method of claim 12, further comprising the step of forming an undoped GaN layer or an indium-doped GaN layer on the GaN-based buffer layer.

18. The fabrication method of claim 12, wherein the dopant concentration of the n⁺-GaN layer is more than 1×10¹⁸/cm³.

19. The fabrication method of claim 13, wherein the dopant concentration of the n-GaN layer is $1 \times 10^{17}/\text{cm}^3$.

20. The fabrication method of claim 13, wherein the n-GaN layer is formed with a semi-insulating layer.